

A Court held for Bedford County the 23^d day March 1775

This Willment of the Estate of Richard Turner Deceased was returned
to Court and Ordered to be recorded

Teste Joseph Hopton, Clk.

Witnesses: In the name of God AMEN, I Adam Beard being sick in body
but of perfect Mind and Memory, knowing it is appointed for all Men once
to die, do hereby make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament &c
First of all I Recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body I re-
commend to the dust to be buried at the discretion of my Executors in a
Christian like Manner. Nothing doubting but I shall receive the same
again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate as it
been pleased God to bless me with in this life, I hereby dispose of the same in
the following form and manner to wit, after all my Just debts are paid
I do give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Beard all the plantation
I own

I now live upon with all my Stock of every kind with all my Plantation
Wherewiths and all my house hold furniture together with my free Negroes
Henry Martin George & Fanny during her Natural life
Then I give and Bequeath to my son David Beard all my survey
of Land lying on the branches of Goose Creek adjoining Cuning Woods & lies
with my Negro Martin after his Mothers death to him his heirs and assigns
for ever Then I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Rachel Dickson
my Negro Girl Fanny to her and her heirs and assigns for ever only
she shall not get possession of said Negro Girl Fanny untill her Mothers
death - Then I give and Bequeath to my son Samuel Beard all my lands
adjoining and South of the survey I now live upon together with my
Negro George at his Mothers death to him and his heirs and assigns forever
Then I give and Bequeath Immediately after my beloved Wifes death to my
son David Beard Jun^r all the survey and plantations I now live upon
together with my Negro Henry with my black Horse Emitt call'd Webster
to him and his heirs and assigns for ever - Also it is farther my will and
pleasure that provided my son Samuel Beard possesseth my fathers lands
holding them as a Legatee that in that case the lands I now give him
adjoining that I now live upon shall then Devise unto and become the

pleasure that provided my son Samuel Beard forsooth my father land
telling him as a Legate that in that case the lands I now give him
a joining that from time upon shall then Bevest unto and become the
Absolute property of my son Adam Beard to him and his heirs and
assigns forever. Likewise if my son James should ever be
return from the War also in that case I give the said above-mentioned
Land to my son Adam Beard to him his Heirs & assigns forever
Next I give Mary Vance now living to her her bed & furniture
with one cow and Yearling with three head of Sheep to her and her
and her Heirs and assigns for ever. Item it is further my Will and
pleasure that all the remainders of my moveable Estate at my beloved
Wife's Death be divided Between my Children at my said Wife's
Corroboration. I hereby appoint my Wife Elisabeth Beard Executors
and my sons David and Adam Beard to be Executors of this my
last Will and Testament. Revoking and Disannulling all Wills and
Testaments heretofore by me made and executed confirming this and no
Other to be my last Will and Testament. Witness whereof I hereunto set
my hand and affix my seal this second day of December 1777
Signed & Acknowledged in presence of

which from the War also in that case I give the said above mentioned
Land to my son Adam Beard to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever
I have Mary Anne now living with me her bed & furniture
with one cow and Yearling with three head of Sheep to her and her
and her Heirs and Assigns for ever. Item it is further my Will and
Desire that all the remainder of my moveable Estate at my beloved
Wife's Death be divided between my Children at my said Wife's
Consentation. I hereby appoint my Wife Elisabeth Beard Executors
and my sons David and Adam Beard to be Executors of this my
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Testaments heretofore by me made even or executed confirming this and no
other to be my last Will and Testament. Witness whereof I hereunto set
my hand and affix my seal this second day of December 1777
Signed & Acknowledged in presence of

John Curing

Wm Armstrong

Robert Armstrong

William Armstrong

Adam Beard

Witness
John Curing
Wm Armstrong
Robert Armstrong
William Armstrong

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23 day of March 1778
 This last Will and Testament of Adam Beard deceased was proved by the Oaths
 of William Armstrong and Alexander Armstrong Witnesses thereto subscribed
 and Came to be recorded And on the Motion of David Beard one of the
 Executors therein named who made Oath the said Certificate is granted him
 for Obtaining Probate in due form giving Security whereupon he Together
 with David Wright James Buford and James Patterson his Securities
 Entered into and Acknowledged their Bond in the Penalty of Two
 Thousand Pounds for the said Executors due and faithful Administration
 of the said Decedent's Estate and for performance of his Will Adam Beard
 the other Executor having consented to join in the Probate which he shall think
 fit
 Stephen C. C.

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Beard do hereby
 depose of what it hath bin pleasure to God to bless me with ^{this} life in the
 following form and manner To wit after Negro Martin and all other
 other Just debts are paid it is under my Free Will and pleasure that
 the remainder of our Movable Estate of every kind left at my decease